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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BY
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1. APPARENTLY THE UNCERTAIN SCHEDULE OF EC COUNCIL MEETINGS HAS LED TO RECONSIDERATION OF YOUR ORIGINAL PLAN TO VISIT BRUSSELS AND OTHER CAPITALS FOLLOWING THE OECD MINISTRERIAL MEETING INPARIS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11-13.

2. WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU NOT REPEAT NOT ABANDON THE IDEA OF COMING TO BRUSSELS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE OECD MEETING. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL ISSUES (E. G. PRICES, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS MANDATE) BEING DISCUSSED IN THE COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME WHICH JUSTIFY AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL US INPUT.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE COMMISSIONER, LARDINOIS (WHOM YOU WOULD PRESUMABLY SEE AT THE OECD IN PARIS), THERE ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WHO FEEL THAT THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY DECISIONS HAVE WIDE IMPLICATIONS AND WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A TIMELY PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS. SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS

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VERY DISAPPOINTED TO MISS YOU IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH, ALTHOUGH HE HAD A SPIRITED EXCHANGE WITH PHIL CAMPBELL, CARROLL BRUNTHAVER AND RAY IOANES. I'M SURE HE WOULD WELCOME A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU. SIMILARLY, PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH HAVE MADE CLEAR TO ME THAT THEY INTEND TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE AGRICULTURAL DECISION- MAKING PROCESS. IF THESE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE AVAILABLE ON DATES CONVENIENT TO YOU-, MEETING WITH THEM WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

4. IF A SHORT VISIT TO BRUSSELS IS POSSIBLE EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE OECD MEETING, LET ME KNOW AND I WILL CHECK ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE KEY COMMISSIONERS.
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